IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tadashi YAMAZAKI et al.

Title: TURBIDIMETRIC

IMMUNOASSAY FOR LIPOPROTEIN(a) AND REAGENT THEREFOR

Appl. No.: 10/551,340

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Filing Date:

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Examiner: Christine E. Foster

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Enclosed are:

[X] Amendment/Reply.

The filing fee is calculated below:

| | Claims as Amended | | eviously id For | Extra Claims Present | | Rate | | Fee Totals |
|------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------------|-------|----------|---|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e): | | | | | | \$810.00 | = | \$810.00 |
| Total Claims: | 8 | - | 20 | = 0 | x | \$52.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| Independents | | | 3 | = 0 | x | \$220.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| First p | resentation o | of any N | /ultiple I | Dependent Claims: | + | \$390.00 | = | \$0.00 |
| | | | | CLAIMS | S FEI | E TOTAL: | = | \$810.00 |

[] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

| [] | Extension for response filed within the first month: | \$130.00 | 0 | \$0.00 | | |
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| [] | Extension for response filed within the second month: | \$490.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the third month: | \$1,110.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the fourth month: | \$1,730.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| [] | Extension for response filed within the fifth month: | \$2,350.00 | | \$0.00 | | |
| | EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL: | | | | | |
| | - | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | | \$0.00 | | | | |
| | | \$810.00 | | | | |
| [] | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| [] | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. | | \$0.00 | | | |
| | TO | TAL FEE: | | \$810.00 | | |

The above-identified fees of \$810.00 are being paid by credit card via EFS-Web.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment instructions in EFS-Web being incorrect or absent, resulting in a rejected or incorrect credit card transaction, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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